



VOLUME 1

APRIL, 1951

NUMBER 2

## "Come Thou With Us"

"THE TRUTH comprised in the first, second, and third angels' messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent and extend to the islands of the sea. . . . Decided efforts should be made to open new fields in the north, the south, the east, and the west." —"Evangelism," pages 19, 20.

Undoubtedly these words of counsel have been an encouragement to the development of the organization of our work in many places. The re-organization of the Northern European Division as voted at the recent General Conference session in San Francisco was for the purpose of strengthening the work in that part of the world covered by our territory, and to provide closer supervision, and more intense development in the areas not yet fully worked.

At the first Council of this Division held recently at Skodsborg, this great purpose was brought vividly to the minds of all present in the various messages presented by the leaders of the General Conference and those associated with the work of the Division. It seemed to me that all present at this Council carried away with them its inspiration and determined, like Moses of old, to say: "We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: *come*

*thou with us, and we will do thee good.*" Numbers 10: 29.

The population of our territory exceeds 150,000,000, speaking many and varied languages and located in areas that extend all the way from the Arctic circle to the equator. Our work is among tiny hamlets in distant northern islands and in African villages as well as in many great cities, the largest of which is London with its 10,000,000 people. On page two is an outline of the unions forming the Division organization, together with population, membership, churches, and workers.

### CHEERING REPORTS

In recent weeks we have been much heartened by the good reports that have come to us of the rich blessing of the Lord in many places as our workers and churchmembers are together pressing on with the sounding of the good invitation, "Come thou with us." This is being done through vigorous and aggressive evangelism, a widespread circulation of excellently prepared literature, lay-members' campaigns, youth Share-Your-Faith rallies, and in our medical and health organizations. Almost all of these varied forms of activity are bringing to us a large measure of encouragement as we hear of decisions for the truth.

Our largest medical institution, the



Skodsborg Sanitarium, reported twelve baptisms for its last year's work, as well as a daily patient attendance of 226. The group of 276 workers employed in this large institution are rendering a splendid ministry to the sick.

Then we hear a cheering word from beyond the Arctic circle. In the northern city of Tromsø our people soon expect to open a new health clinic that will accommodate twenty in-patients, as well as caring for many out-patients. This institution is built upon land granted to us as a gift by the city of Tromsø. Much of the cost of the institution is being met by generous public subscriptions. The Tromsø newspapers have given warm support.

Everywhere there is an increasing interest in evangelistic work on the part of our lay members. These are meeting with success. We hear of two brethren in the far north of our Division who spend their summer months visiting with our litera-

ture among the scattered dwellers of the sparsely settled islands on the Norwegian coast.

In the Gold Coast of Africa large numbers of laymen recently came together and spent some days in studying ways and means of sharing with the workers the responsibility of winning men for Christ. They closed their institute having set as their goal the winning of 1,500 souls for 1951. When in West Africa recently, I met students in the Bekwai School who had concluded a successful campaign and reported a good number of souls won.

Last month, in the city of Birmingham, under the guidance of Pastor V. H. Cooper, the young people of the Birmingham churches held a two-weeks' campaign in a public hall that already has yielded them five decisions for the message from among young people.

VIGOROUS PLANNING

In each of the home base unions strong plans are being put into effect for a working out of the generally accepted goal of the General Conference session to double our membership in the next four years. An example of how our field leaders are setting the course in this direction is that of Pastor Alf Lohne in the city of Oslo. In addition to his duties as president of the East Norway Conference, he is carrying on a vigorous public campaign in a city theatre. Valuable help is provided by the young people of the Oslo churches. After four public meetings almost 400 people had handed in their names for literature and visiting.

No report concerning the activities of this Division would be complete without making reference to the wonderful development of our health work in the East and West Nordic Unions. The mother institution, of course, is the Skodsborg Sanitarium. Then a strong health clinic is that which has functioned in Oslo for more than fifty years. This institution has a staff of fifty-six workers who daily treat between 250 and 300 patients. Throughout these two unions we have

642 doctors, nurses, and other helpers giving their full time to the ministry of the sick. These are all regularly employed conference workers. Here is a unique situation—almost an identical number of doctors, nurses, and other helpers are engaged in self-supporting work in more than 100 clinics and treatment rooms scattered through Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark. These self-supporting workers render valuable service to the cause of God in their chosen calling and in the life of our church.

Medical work is being carried forward also in West Africa—at the Ile Ife Hospital, West Nigeria, and in the medical

houses, together with our large band of colporteurs, are pressing on to the work of the new year with great vigour and courage.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

At a recent meeting of the British Union Conference Executive Committee plans were made to begin work in an entirely new line in this field. A motor caravan costing £1,500 is being prepared for work in the more scattered parts of the territory of the South England Conference. Two young men with this caravan will soon set about the task of bringing the message to the scattered farming communities.

Another cheering indication of progress is the decision of the West Nordic Union Conference to translate *Steps to Christ* and another small book concerning the third angel's message of Revelation into the language of the Laplanders.

A recent message from the superintendent of the Gold Coast Mission in West Africa tells of a new advancement in that section of our territory. For the first time in the history of our work in West Africa

a camp-meeting was held in British Togoland. This, it is expected, is the beginning of a fine ingathering of souls in this section of our territory which has yet to be developed.

As workers facing a very grave responsibility in view of the needs of the multitudes under our care, I believe we should look into the future with confidence and courage. We have been called to minister in the name of the Master. He who loves the unsheltered multitudes has said: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. . . . Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." Then let us go forward believing that this year is to be the very best year in the history of our now united fields, working as we do assured of the guidance and the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit in all the service we give.

E. B. RUDGE.

| NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION     |                    |               |            |             |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
|                                | Population         | Members       | Chs.       | Wkrs.       |
| East Nordic Union .....        | 10,875,000         | 8,161         | 111        | 203         |
| West Nordic Union .....        | 7,026,798          | 8,528         | 143        | 242         |
| Netherland Union .....         | 10,000,000         | 2,152         | 35         | 64          |
| British Union .....            | 55,000,000         | 6,666         | 102        | 244         |
| Polish Union .....             | 23,625,500         | 2,863         | 80         | 47          |
| Ethiopian Union Mission .....  | 12,000,000         | 522           | 8          | 31          |
| West African Union Mission ... | 36,400,000         | 8,408         | 60         | 258         |
| Iceland Mission .....          | 144,000            | 305           | 6          | 7           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>155,071,298</b> | <b>37,605</b> | <b>545</b> | <b>1096</b> |

clinic at Jengre, North Nigeria. A recent report from Jengre shows that for the year 1950, 14,592 patients received medical care and ninety-nine operations were performed. Over 16,700 patients and their friends attended the morning worship held daily by the doctor and his staff.

In Ethiopia, too, our medical work is making its influence felt. Recently in the Zauditu Memorial Hospital there was opened what we understand to be the first training school for nurses in Ethiopia. The first capping ceremony was attended by a large number of visiting friends and officials, including the Minister for Health who addressed the trainees.

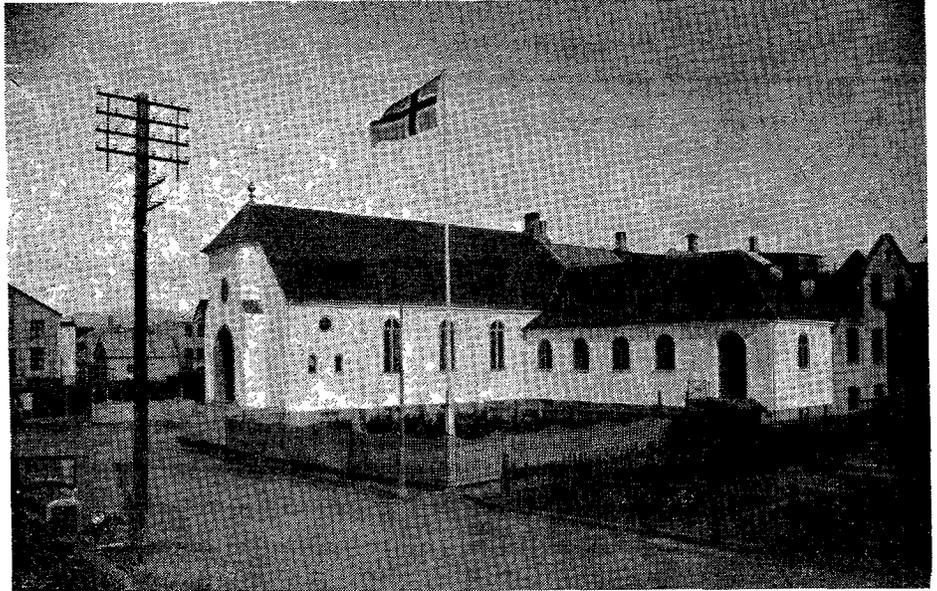
Throughout the whole of our Division excellent plans are in hand for extending the literature ministry. In the home field unions record sales have been reported from almost every institution for 1950. The workers in our various publishing

## A GREETING FROM ICELAND

By J. Gudmundsson

WE ALL send our very best greetings to all the workers and members in our Division. I am looking forward to receiving the NORTHERN LIGHT. I think it is a fine idea to publish a paper for the Division, for it will keep the workers in the various fields in closer contact with one another.

There are two outstanding features in our work here in Iceland this year. The first one is the opening of a new mission school last fall with an attendance of nineteen students. This school has been much needed for many years, and it is a great encouragement to our members here that this long-cherished hope has finally been realized. The building is not quite completed, but when ready it will accommodate forty students. Next fall the school will be dedicated, and we are doing our best to have the building fully equipped and the campus cleared before that time. We are very grateful to the Northern European Division which has supported this undertaking so liberally, and we feel sure that this new institution will prove



*Seventh-day Adventist Church In Reykjavik, Where Pastor O. J. Olsen Is Holding His Public Meetings.*

to be a great blessing to our work here at the outpost of the Atlantic.

Another outstanding feature in our work this year is that a great public effort is being held in Reykjavik, our capital city, by Elder O. J. Olsen, field secretary of the Northern European Division. Elder Olsen is a pioneer leader of our work here, and has lived here with his family for more than thirty years. He speaks the language fluently and is known and highly respected by everyone.

Elder Olsen commenced his public effort in the middle of January. His meetings have been exceptionally well attended. Our church in Reykjavik, which seats between three and four hundred persons, has been quite packed every Sunday evening. Several of those in attendance are former students of the Bible Correspondence Course, and they are keen on listening to Elder Olsen's clear and distinct unfolding of the Advent truth. Two young students from the State College for Teachers have decided to accept the truth. This seems to come as a special gift from Heaven, as we are in great need of qualified teachers for our new school. Elder Olsen also conducts another effort in a smaller town seven miles from Reykjavik. In this town there are two Lutheran churches, and in one of them Elder Olsen holds his meetings. The Lutheran minister and his church board decided to loan us their church for our meetings. This, of course, has had quite a favourable effect on the public in this somewhat conservative place, and the attendance there is fairly good. Several of our younger workers are assisting Elder Olsen.

Our members here are of good courage, and they are expecting great things from the Lord in this late hour of earth's history.



*Hlidardalsskoli, Our New Mission School.*

## A New View of the Budget

By F. D. Nichol

I CANNOT make prophecy and world events add up to any other conclusion than that the workers in all our conferences should be putting their main emphasis to-day on active evangelism. I think we should have a goal of souls for our individual churches, even as we have goals for mission funds and various activities. After all, our first business is to win men for God. I would keep that goal for souls as prominently before our local elders as before our ministry. The very fact that the goal was before each church would keep them constantly aware that they had a solemn duty, not simply to add funds to the treasury, but also to add souls to their church.

I know that any discussion of a greatly enlarged appropriation to active evangelism will bring forth that most frequently heard remark, "The budget won't permit it." The remark is generally so true that it almost concludes discussion. Now, I believe in budgets. God pity the movement if we recklessly abandon good business methods in handling money. One of the first things the apostles did was to set up proper procedure for budgeting food between the Hebrew and Greek widows in Jerusalem. No one has devised a better way for equitably dividing available funds than by budgeting. The tragedy lies in making a small budget an excuse for small accomplishments for Heaven. As if an adding machine held the secret to what we could do for God in a particular area for a particular period!

This is no appeal for presumptuous, reckless expenditures. The person who thus spends, wins no commendation from Heaven; though his brethren may, for dealing gently with him. Rather, this is an appeal to the ministry in every corner of the earth to take what to some may be, a new view of the budget. View it as the measure of the faith of the laity who have given the money, and not of us who will spend it. Many are the gifts that have come from sacrificing souls because they had faith to believe that God would miraculously make their remaining funds meet all their needs.

Our faith must be added to the budget, with a resolute determination that the advance of the Advent message in our part of the field shall not be predetermined by the total of funds assigned to us. Unless we do this, how shall we ever break over our borders? We often speak of how glorious it would be if we could have miracles again in the church. Why not begin with prayer for the miracle of faith that will enable us to move on beyond our budgets without overdrawing our accounts?

This brings us to the very heart of the whole problem of expansion of our world work. Cash in itself is not the final solution of our problem of warning a populous world. If we had all the cash that all our members earn, it would still be a pathetically small sum to disburse for the evangelization of two billion people. There needs to go up from every corner of every conference and mission in the world a prayer to God to multiply the possibilities of our budget like the widow's flour and oil.

### NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PERSONAL FAITH

When funds seem inadequate, or threaten to run low, we are tempted to turn, first, to the General Conference, or to some conference organization above us, and to declare that if the conference would only give us more funds we could accomplish more. I find no parallel to this in the New Testament record of the apostles.

Why should a conference substitute for a personal faith and sense of responsibility on the part of each of us? One of the dangers of our well-knit, efficiently functioning organization is that as it grows larger the individual worker is tempted to feel that he has no direct responsibility. But the hope of this Advent movement is the faith and spiritual resourcefulness of every one of its thousands of workers and laity.

What is the General Conference? It is the collective thinking and action of all of us. What is the daring of the General Conference? The collective courage and

faith of all of us. What are the resources of the General Conference? The collective gifts and talents and resourcefulness of all of us.

Let us resolve deep in our individual hearts to go forward not as perfunctory expenders of budgets, but as men of God burdened with an urgent commission for God, who will mix budget money with prayer and faith, and if need be, tears, to do a greater work for Him than we have ever attempted before. Let us never forget that our commission is not simply to work for God, but to *finish* the work of God in all the earth.

## BUDGETING IN FAITH

By K. Tilstra

THE LAST month of the old year and the first of the new have brought great happiness to the North Netherland Conference. Early in December we had the privilege of opening a new church hall in Hooegeveen. The members had worked for almost a year remodelling the building. The church counts only forty-five members, but everyone worked hard and donated liberally so they could have a place of their own. It was a pleasure to meet with this earnest group and see their happy faces as they gathered in their new hall, knowing that they had accomplished this themselves with the help of their heavenly Father.

At the end of January we had a similar occasion in Arnhem. There we also bought a house and the members did all the remodelling and decorating. It was a happy occasion to meet with them in their new home.

For some time we have been trying to build our own church in the city of Amsterdam. In 1949 a plot was secured and plans were drawn up, but it was difficult to secure building permits. Then at the end of last year we were told that a fine church building was for sale. The church is well known and the structure is solidly built; it also boasts a very fine organ. Connected with it are three apartment houses. After repeated negotiations we finally took the buildings over on January 31, 1951. This will help us to stabilize our work in this large city. The church is centrally located and in the better section of the city.

# THE WEST NORDIC UNION

By P. G. Nelson, *President*

WE WANT first of all to extend to our new Division paper a most cordial welcome. We have missed such a paper during the past eleven years. We feel confident that it definitely has its mission and will be an inspiration to all the English-reading workers in our territory—about ninety-eight per cent of the total working staff.

In the Northern European Division our union comprises the countries of Denmark and Norway. There are five conferences in all. In Norway we have three: the East, West, and North Norway Conferences. The two conferences in Denmark are the East and West Denmark Conferences. For the sake of further information we give the following figures:

| Conference   | Membership | President       |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|
| East Norway  | 2,529      | Alf Lohne       |
| West Norway  | 1,250      | Paul Frivold    |
| North Norway | 815        | H. Munderspach  |
| East Denmark | 1,945      | S. A. Broberg   |
| West Denmark | 1,692      | Thv. Kristensen |

This gives a total of 8,231 members in 142 churches.

The headquarters of the West Nordic Union is located in a suburb of Oslo, where we have been since 1947. Our union staff consists of the Secretary-Treasurer, R. Abrahamsen; Departmental Secretaries: O. Frenning, Home Missionary, Sabbath-school, and Religious Liberty; (To be appointed), Missionary Volunteer, Educational, and Temperance; O. S. Sørensen, Publishing; Dr. J. D. Henriksen, Medical. Office secretaries are Helene Finstad and Agda Hansen.

Our greatest burden is to make the evangelistic part of all our endeavour the most important and to advance with rapid strides. Our aim is to engage as many in this work as our budget will possibly allow. We want to join wholeheartedly in the campaign for soul-winning and to reach the goal of doubling our membership in the next four years.

During this year we plan to hold seventy-seven efforts.

We have started with enthusiasm the home visitation campaign and our members are becoming really soulwinning-minded. They realize that we are living in the very last days of earth's history. We hope to win more souls in 1951 than ever before.

Our publishing houses are advancing

## "Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet"

**S**O RUNS the first line of the stirring Norwegian national anthem.

Come with us to Norway, meet the people, see their homes, look upon their cultural achievements, both ancient and modern.

Examine their art and handicraft and social services. Walk through the valleys with their rushing rivers, climb the mountains and look across the snow-clad vista.

Then sail through some of the beautiful fjords. Visit the sports centres, the forests, the farms, the fishing fleet and the factories, look at the modern streamlined ships which line the quays. Then you will understand why the Norwegians sing so emotionally, "Yes, we love this land."

ROI B. NYQUIST.

in their work. The Norwegian Publishing House with Pastor E. Bjaanæs as manager, has for the first time gone over the million kroner mark in sales for 1950. The Copenhagen Publishing House, which has a much more difficult field to work, has nearly reached the half million kroner mark in sales for 1950.

We have two junior colleges: the Norwegian college at Onsrud, thirty miles north of Oslo, and the Danish college located in the peninsula of Jutland, about four hours by train from Copenhagen. We are very happy that we have these colleges. We plan to enlarge both, but so far we have not been able to obtain building permits. The brethren in Norway plan to move their college to a better place and erect new buildings with a capacity for over 120 students. The Danish college will be able to care for about 110 students.

The church schools are increasing in number. Two more will be added this year—one in Tromsø, the headquarters for the North Norway Conference, and one in Bergen in the West Norway Conference. At present the number of church schools is fourteen with 341 children.

Last year three new church buildings were dedicated, two in the West Denmark Conference and one in the East Norway Conference.

(Continued on page 7.)



The Beautiful Sanitarium In Skodsborg, Denmark.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN NIGERIA

By D. J. Meade

I HAVE just returned from a second series of evangelistic meetings which were sponsored, planned, and carried out by the students of the Nigerian Training College at Ihie, with the aid of the local evangelists in the districts where we held these meetings. The subject matter was evangelistic in substance, but the purpose was primarily to revive our people to a realization of the need of a deeper consecration, and the recognition of the nearness of Christ's soon coming. They were good weeks, and rich was the experience.

In the second effort, we had a wonderful interest, and though the church was small, the presence of the non-Adventists brought the nightly attendance up to and over one hundred and forty. On the opening night we had over four hundred. This effort was in a very unresponsive section of our field and we felt truly that the Spirit of God was working with us. The evangelist in this area is just a young sixth-standard boy with seven months of service in the mission. It was apparent after the second day that the interest was entirely too great for him to handle, and knowing that the possibility of getting a worker to help was out of the question, we had to limit our work to those whom we knew were definitely interested and who had promised to come to Sabbath-school. We left well over fifty names with the evangelist to follow up and work with. This group, up until now, was primarily a family group numbering no more than ten or eleven people, with four baptized members. In this area we enrolled over seventeen in the baptismal class, and so we look for some concrete fruitage within the year. One of these men is quite influential and well educated. He has been studying this message for years, and while we were there decided to put away those things which were holding him back from joining with us. I believe that this man will be one of the leaders in our work in this Effik field. We are praying that we may truly in some miraculous

way press on with the work of caring for this awakening interest, but our African staff is seriously depleted inasmuch as at the present time we have twenty-six of our leading evangelists in training. Most of the people in this area are well educated, a large number of them being literate and intelligent.

We are looking forward to a hard year, but with the Lord's help we hope to have a successful and progressive year, not only in soul-winning, but in all phases of the work.

---

## YOUTH SHARE THEIR FAITH IN BIRMINGHAM

By Victor H. Cooper,

*M.V. Secretary, North England Conference*

THE young people of Birmingham wanted to hold an evangelistic M.V. campaign. So did the conference M.V. secretary. Pastor J. Clifford, the local minister, was also keen and nobly searched for days for a suitable hall, but without success.

Then we read Acts nineteen and found that when Paul met with poor success in his church preaching, he took a school and had daily meetings. We prayed for guidance and applied to the Birmingham Educational Department for the use of one of their schools each night for two weeks. After some difficulties the Handsworth New Road Boys' School was obtained for the period requested.

Meanwhile the young people were distributing over 1,000 *Good News* each week and making enjoyable contacts with people in their homes. On the fourth visit an invitation was given to attend our public services at the school.

Advertising consisted of the distribution of handbills, touring the streets with loudspeaker equipment, and an advertisement in the "church notices" column of the Birmingham *Daily Mail*. Thirty non-members attended the first meeting in addition to a large supporting group of our own members. Pea-souper Birmingham fogs didn't improve the attendances, but those who came were genuinely interested in the truth. Each night one of our young people read the

Scripture lesson, others presented the message in song, while another gave a public testimony concerning his faith in God and his personal joy in the Lord. These were very much appreciated by the congregation and greatly helped to secure definite decisions for Christ.

Other young people acted as ushers and usherettes, so that all the young people connected with the church enjoyed some participation in the campaign. The lending library making Adventist books available to the public was also staffed by youth. Greatest interest was manifested in *Armageddon, Our Lord's Return*, and *Steps to Christ*.

On the second Sunday of the campaign Pastor C. R. Bonney visited our meetings. Special invitations were sent out to all the Voice of Prophecy students in Birmingham inviting them to meet their principal at the Handsworth New Road School. Eleven people joined the Bible school that evening and others did so later during the campaign.

On the second Friday evening, the truth about the Sabbath was presented. We know of five people who decided that evening under the influence of the Holy Spirit to keep the Sabbath. Only one had heard the Sabbath preached before. We are expecting others will decide later.

At the conclusion of the fortnight the interested people were invited to the church on Sunday nights. The first Sunday a packed church greeted us with thirty non-members in attendance. Several regular Bible studies commenced the following week. Some of the young people are having one of the most thrilling experiences of their lives in giving Bible studies to a mother and daughter who have been praying that God would send them the truth. The youth club leader is giving Bible studies in his home to two young people.

Services are continuing at the church each Sabbath and Sunday evening. In April we hope for another full week of meetings in the church, which will further help to stabilize the interest. Our Birmingham young people are keen to evangelize another district. We believe that they have caught the soul-winning spirit which animated the members of the first M.V. society. May this holy fire spread to all our M.V. societies.

## DEDICATION OF "GOD'S GOOD NEWS"

ADVENTIST literature must ever be "up-to-date," meeting the need of the current time. The management of The Stanborough Press Ltd. had this in mind when the publication of the book *God's Good News* was planned, and the book is indeed a worthy product of a publishing house which has a high reputation for good class work in subscription book production. Pastor W. L. Emmerson, the author, has again excelled himself in this work, making it a worthy companion volume to *The Bible Speaks*.

At the recent British Union Colporteurs' Council, a special service of dedication was held, when the book was presented to the Lord and to the field for soul-winning colporteur service.

The days in which we live are days of peril and of fast-fulfilling prophecy; when men's minds should be turned to the comfort and hope which God's prophetic Word alone can give. At the dedication service, Pastor Emmerson was able to find ample support in the Spirit of prophecy for a study of the vital books of Daniel and Revelation. Among quotations made from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White were these challenging words:

"The perils of the last days are upon us, and in our work we are to warn the people of the danger they are in. Let not the solemn scenes which prophecy has revealed, be left untouched. . . . Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pages 61, 62; *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 118.

"Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read Revelation in connection with Daniel. Teach these things."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 115.

"As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament Scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 133; *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 116.

Pastor A. W. Cook was able to report that the book, *God's Good News*, had

already been well received by the public, one colporteur having secured orders for over a hundred copies after a short time in the field.

We believe that this book will meet our urgent need, not only in the British Union, but in other parts of our Division territory and of the world field.

G. D. KING.

---

STOP PRESS! Word has just come in that Brother S. Combridge working in the headquarters town of Watford, on the doorstep of The Stanborough Press, received 63 orders in about 80 hours canvassing for *God's Good News*. Of these, 53 copies were paid for in cash at the time of ordering, the other 10 copies were paid for on delivery and, of course, a 100 per cent delivery was made.

G. D. K.

## CONGRESS NEWS

THE PARIS Youth Congress Committee held another meeting at our Conference office in Paris on February 27th. Brother Racker, the M.V. secretary for the Central European Division, was present for the first time. Pastor E. B. Rudge, acting on behalf of the treasurer of our Division, and Brother Gerber, the treasurer of the Southern European Division, also joined the committee. The discussions were held in an atmosphere of prayer, cordiality, and an earnest desire to make the Congress an outstanding success.

Reports from all over Europe indicate a growing interest in the Congress, and the attendance, it now seems, will surpass our first expectations. From Germany alone, instead of 500 coming as was originally anticipated, Brother Racker reports mounting enthusiasm, and it appears that permission will be granted for over 1,100 youth to attend. Similar reports come from other countries.

Unfortunately, the delegation from the United States will not be as large as we originally expected. All told there will be about fifty official delegates. Others will be coming at their own expense.

Word has also been received from Australia that Pastor A. W. Peterson, the Australasian Division Educational and M.V. secretary, who was for many years

our world youth leader, is coming to represent Australasia. Our youth leader from South Australia will also be present and a number of young people. All told we should have about fifteen from Australia.

Pastor Lowry, our M.V. secretary from Southern Asia, will also be present and will bring a national with him.

E. L. MINCHIN.

## The West Nordic Union

(Continued from page 5.)

The Bible Correspondence Schools are in full operation. In Norway there are 1,900 active students and in Denmark, about 600. In 1950 twenty-three converts were baptized in Denmark and thirty-seven in Norway as a result of this good work. Three hundred of the students are interested in the message.

Norway has a very long coastline—12,427 miles—and many people live in very isolated places. Two of our lay brethren have small boats in which they visit these scattered and lonely people and bring them our literature.

In this view of the West Nordic Union we must mention the very important part the health institutions are playing in the Advent movement in this territory. Skodsborg Sanitarium has about 276 workers and is filled to capacity most of the time. They have room for about 290 guests. Our new sanitarium in Norway is at present able to care for eighty-five patients. In Oslo there is a health home—the oldest health institution in Scandinavia. It can room about thirty guests. For many years a large number of patients have been coming from the city for hydrotherapy treatment. In Denmark and Norway we have about ninety privately owned and operated treatment rooms and clinics which are spreading a good influence and breaking down prejudice. Several have accepted the truth.

We long to see the work soon finished, but we must still increase our efforts. A spirit of revival is coming into our churches, and we are longing for the outpouring of the latter rain. We are very conscious of our weakness and our need for divine help and we earnestly pray for a greater measure of the power of God's Spirit among us as workers.

# NEWS FLASH

PASTOR E. D. DICK, Secretary of the General Conference, paid a hurried but welcome visit to Division headquarters between planes on March 5th. He was returning to the States after having recently visited India.

After a very busy but interesting time in the West African Union, Pastors A. F. Tarr and G. A. Lindsay left for Ethiopia on March 15th. They return to headquarters in April.

Pastor Axel Varmer, Division Home Missionary Secretary, is spending six weeks in Ethiopia. He will also visit Eritrea and Somaliland.

Pastor W. A. Sharffenberg, Secretary of the General Conference Temperance Association, visited Watford, England, for one day on his return from South Africa, where he had been for three months. In the evening in the Stanborough Park church he gave a spirited talk on the need to fight the evils of drink and tobacco.

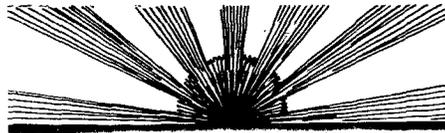
Welcome back to Dr. W. Wagner and his wife and two children. Dr. Wagner passed through Edgware on March 9th, returning from the States to West Africa. He returns to commence his second term of service at the Ile Ife Hospital.

On March 8th Miss Rosa Muderspach visited headquarters on her way to Copenhagen. She was returning to Denmark to see her mother who was seriously ill. Miss Muderspach, who comes from a very well known Danish family of mission workers, has been spending a term of service in the union office at Accra, West Africa.

Sister Beryl Turtill, S.R.N., S.C.M., who was in charge of the midwifery section of our Ile Ife Hospital, West Africa, has returned home after her first term of service. She reports having had a very pleasant though busy time and looks forward to going back again.

Brother P. E. Giddings and wife and two children reached London the second week in March from West Africa where Brother Giddings has been serving in the Liberian Mission. He is returning to the States on furlough.

Pastor J. O. Gibson, president of the West African Union, writes as follows: "I wish to send greetings to our fellow workers and believers throughout the Division. The doors for evangelism, educational, and medical work are wide open here in West Africa. I trust that all the workers and believers throughout the Division will remember us in their prayers in order that God may give us the power to finish the work which we have before us."



## The NORTHERN LIGHTS of Norway

Dear NORTHERN LIGHT,

WHEN I returned to my hotel this evening from attending the audit committee meeting of the North Norway Conference, I saw a most beautiful display of the northern lights in the dark sky which was studded with glittering stars. It seemed as if it was actually alive and appeared to be dancing and playing across the starlit dome above my head. Sometimes it would move rather slowly and appear to be winking with its bundles of rays of light, and then a little later it would change into most interesting shapes. At one time it looked like a long row of curtains all of the same length, hanging down from the sky. Then again it broke up into some other fantastic form.

My thoughts went over to England to our new Division paper and I felt I should like to send you this special greeting directly from the real northern lights.

Here in Tromsø is to be found the most northerly observatory and its main work is to study the northern lights. The brethren who are attending our conference committee here come from not only the most northerly conference of our Division, but of the whole world.

One of the conference committee members in attendance has come from the Russian border. From the windows of his little farmhouse he can look across into Russia. The message is penetrating into the most isolated places on the earth.

Present truth came to him and his family in rather a strange way. A back-slidden sister who had left our denomination came to that lonely place and was working in the homes of the people as a seamstress. She took her sewing machine with her wherever she went and, strangely enough, one of our doctrinal books as well. This woman still believed the Adventist doctrines.

The husband in one of the homes where she was working asked if he might borrow her book. He and his wife both accepted its message. When they were baptized this sister also decided to join the church again. In working for others she had received new inspiration herself and she is now a faithful member.

Our brother is very zealous in his newly-found faith and is working hard to tell others about the truth. His relatives who live farther south wanted him and his family to move to another place as they felt the danger of living so near the Russian front was too great. But he will not go for he says that should he leave, there would be no one left to let the torch of the Advent message burn in that place.

We thank God for such faithful members.  
P. G. NELSON.

### DIVISION DIRECTORY

- A. F. Tarr ..... *President*
- E. B. Rudge ..... *Secretary*
- G. A. Lindsay ..... *Treasurer*
- Alf Karlman ... *Asst. Treasurer and Auditor*
- O. J. Olsen ..... *Field Secretary*

### DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

- A. Andersen, M.D. .... *Medical*
- G. D. King ..... *Publishing, Press Relations, and Religious Liberty*
- Axel Varmer ... *Home Missionary and Radio*
- T. J. Bradley ..... *Ministerial Association*
- E. L. Minchin ... *Sabbath-School, Missionary Volunteer, and Temperance*

EDITOR ..... MRS. A. F. TARR

## NORTHERN LIGHT

*Published monthly as the Official Organ of the Northern European Division of Seventh-day Adventists, 41 Hazel Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex, England.*

PRICE 3/- A YEAR

*Printed at The Stanborough Press Ltd., Watford, Herts., England.*